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Subject: Bill 16
Support for Haleiwa Business Improvement District/Walkways

Dear Council Chair Apo and Members of the City Council:

I am in favor of walkways in Haleiwa Town and would like your help in getting them. I am a Senior at Kahuku High School and have testified a couple of times before on this matter in person. However, I am not able to be there today.

Haleiwa is not a pedestrian friendly town. There are large potholes that stop people from walking on the side of the road forcing them onto the road creating a traffic hazard. Due to my epilepsy, I must rely on public means of transportation. It is hard to travel safely when I am a little blind and there are many hazards to run across while traversing the town.

There have been times when I have fallen down because of uneven ground, which caused serious road rash, and I had to seek first aid from a local merchant. If there were sidewalks/walkways, the chances of injury to tourists and residents would decrease substantially. It would make it pleasant to walk the town, encourage walking which would mean less traffic, and increase sales to businesses, which would in turn create more tax revenues.

Haleiwa hosts over half of the visitors to Oahu as well as a huge number of Oahu residents and should receive more funding to provide basic infrastructure.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Julian Ready

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